The Madayam todu.

5. *MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have acquired lands for the construction of the Madayam *todu* ;

(*b*) if so, the amount of compensation paid on account of that ;

(*c*) whether any actual work has been commenced in connection with the digging of the canal ;

(*d*) if so, the amount actually spent on account of that ;

(*e*) the length of the canal that is proposed to be dug ; and

(*f*) the amount of the estimate prepared for the same ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Rs. 12,090.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Rs. 10,168.

(*e*) About 1 mile 7 furlongs.

(*f*) Rs. 67,000.

MR. K. M. KRISHNAN (*Ambalapuzha II*) : With regard to the answer to part (*c*), may I know from the member why the work was stopped without finishing ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : On account of its heavy cost.

MR. EDAVANATT S. PADMANABHA MENON (*Shertala II*) : May I know from the Government when the amount mentioned in part (*d*) has been spent ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : I claim notice.

Unexpended allotments in the P. W. D. Budget.

6. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they are aware of the representation made in the Sri Mulam Assembly that the unexpended allotments in the P. W. D. Budget should be carried forward as a P. W. D. Reserve Fund for carrying out the same works ; and

(*b*) the steps taken by Government on such representation ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) No steps have been taken, as the proposal is not a practical one, nor consistent with Budgetary rules.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : May I know from the Government whether they have considered the question that the unexpended allotments of the P. W. Budget may be carried forward to the P. W. D. Reserve Fund ?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*) : It is against the Government rule.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*) : My question is whether the Government have considered the question.

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PRESIDENT: Which question, please?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): The question that the unexpended allotment in the budget under P. W. D. should be carried forward to the P. W. D. Reserve Fund.

PRESIDENT: You are given two reasons for that in the answer. The first is that it is not practical and the second is that it is inconsistent with the Budgetary rules.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is whether the Government have considered.

PRESIDENT: The answer gives an indication of consideration and then it was found it was impossible.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the member whether the Minor Irrigation Section is a branch of the P. W. D.?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): It is.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know whether, for the Minor Irrigation Section, there is a system of making Reserve Fund out of the unexpended budget allotments?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): There is.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the reasons why that system cannot be followed in the P. W. D?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have already given in the answer that it is not a practical proposition to raise Reserve Funds under different heads. This year the Minor Irrigation has one separate head and all other P. W. D. works is included under other heads. So it is not a practicable proposition to carry forward the unexpended budget allotment to a Reserve Fund for P. W. D.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): My question is, when this system is followed in one branch of the Department, why that system shall not be followed for a whole Department?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Work is carried on from year to year and what is the kind of account that Government are going to keep in respect of them?

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government what are the reasons for thinking that the proposal is not a practical one?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Because more expenditure will have to be incurred sometimes in one year than in another.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know from the Government the reason for thinking that the proposal is inconsistent with the Budgetary Rules.

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I would request the member to read the departmental rules.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the reasons for thinking the proposal is inconsistent with Budgetary Rules?

MR. G B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I think you should read the Account Code to find out the reason.

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MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know in what way the proposal is considered to be inconsistent with the Budgetary Rules?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I can only refer you to the article in the Account Code.

RAO SAHIB S. PARAMESWARA AIYAR (*Nominated*): May I know from the member whether the practice followed in Mysore *i. e.*, carrying forward of unexpended allotments for three years, would work satisfactorily?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I have not studied the Mysore Budget.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member which is the Budgetary Rule?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): You should see the Account Code. I cannot give you the special Section in the Account Code which deals with this question.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member whether he knew that the Rules stand in the way of carrying out this recommendation when his answer was made?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The Budget of the State is a probable forecast of the revenue and expenditure for the coming year. It necessarily implies re-appropriation which is provided in Article 236 of the Account Code.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I understand that, because Government have to re-appropriate certain items of expenditure during the current year for other purposes, they are unable to carry forward the amount?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): The practice is that every Government sanction of funds lapses at the end of the year and re-allotment is made at the beginning of the next year. That is done all the world over.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Does the member know that there is in Mysore a fund known as the Road Development Fund as suggested in this question?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): There is a Road Development Fund here also which is known here as Petrol Fund.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): Quite apart from the Petrol Fund, is the member aware—

PRESIDENT: We are not here concerned with what the practice is in Mysore or Hyderabad. Please ask questions about Travancore. What Mysore has done or what Hyderabad has done under similar circumstances need not be discussed here. Mr. Asan, how do you ask random questions?

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): On a point of order, Sir, may I submit that I am not out of order in—

PRESIDENT: The Rules in force in each country are relevant to a particular concern.

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MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know from the member whether that provision in the Account Code is unalterable?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I do not suppose it is unalterable.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I know from the member whether there are not many instances where a work which is provided in the Budget and which is not finished in that particular year is not carried forward for the coming year without any provision being made in the Budget of the coming year?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): I can tell you the policy of the P. W. Department in the case of budgetting. Since I have been in charge is that, whenever a work is left unfinished in the current year, the provision for that work is put in the Departmental Budget for the next year.

Recommendations in the Devadhar Committee Report.

7. ***MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have come to any definite decision regarding the recommendations contained in the Devadhar Committee Report; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the negative, the reasons for the same?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) Government propose to allow both Houses of the Legislature as desired by them to discuss the Report before they come to a decision on the recommendations.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): In view of the answer given, I do not propose to ask supplementary questions.

Departmental Training School for Women.

8. ***MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil II*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before them to abolish the departmental Training School for Women?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): The answer is in the negative.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the member the amount of annual expenditure incurred by Government for keeping this training school?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): I would request the member to refer to the Budget.

MR. S. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil II*): May I know from the member whether Government propose to take men for training in the Government Training School?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Ag. Director of Public Instruction*): No. Training facilities for women teachers are quite insufficient at present.

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